

## INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER  
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## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)  
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### Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

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